

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 9, 10, 15, 16 and 19-33 are in the application.

Restrictions and Election

The Examiner requires restriction of the claims to two distinct inventions, as follows:

- I. Claims 9-10 and 19-21, drawn to a method for identifying a compound that inhibits the binding activity of NLV.
- II. Claims 15-16 and 22-33, drawn to a composition comprising at least one compound competitively inhibiting a NLV binding to a native histo-blood group antigen.

The Examiner also requires election of a species from the genus group of compounds of claim 15, and of a species of the genus group of carbohydrate compounds of claim 16.

Applicants elect Group II, and the species "oligosaccharide" and "F2G", without traverse. Claims 15, 16 and 22-33 are believed readable on the elected Group and species.

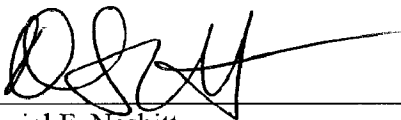
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe a full and complete election response to the Action has been made.

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